



Mississippi Labor Market

Tracking Mississippi's Workforce

June 2004

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

	May 04 Preliminary	Apr 04 Revised	May 03 Revised		May 04 Preliminary	Apr 04 Revised	May 03 Revised
Total Nonfarm Employed	1,126.7	1,125.5	1,119.2	Utilities	7.8	7.7	8.0
Natural Resources & Mining	8.6	8.4	8.8	Electric Power	5.4	5.3	5.6
Construction	50.7	50.3	50.9	Transportation & Warehousing	35.5	35.5	37.9
Manufacturing	180.2	179.5	179.3	Warehousing & Storage	7.5	7.6	8.1
Durable Goods	116.1	116.2	112.4	Information	14.7	14.6	15.1
Wood Products	13.1	12.8	13.4	Telecommunications	8.0	8.0	7.9
Sawmill- Wood Preservation	5.8	5.7	5.8	Finance & Insurance	34.9	34.6	34.2
Primary Metals	2.6	2.6	2.7	Credit Intermediation	21.9	21.5	21.1
Fabricated Metals	11.3	11.2	11.5	Depository Credit Intermediation	15.6	15.3	15.4
Machinery	11.2	11.3	12.3	Insurance Carriers	11.2	11.3	11.5
Ventilation - Heating - Air Condition	4.0	4.0	4.2	Real Estate & Rental	12.0	12.0	11.8
Computers - Electronics	3.0	3.1	3.0	Prof., Scient., Technical Services	29.8	29.8	28.0
Electrical Equipment & Appliances	9.0	8.8	9.0	Management of Companies	9.7	9.6	10.5
Electrical Equipment	3.7	3.8	4.2	Admin Spt & Waste Management	42.0	41.7	39.7
Transportation Equipment	27.6	27.9	23.6	Education Services	14.4	14.5	14.6
Motor Vehicle Parts	6.5	6.6	6.6	Health Care & Social Assistance	103.7	104.0	101.7
Ship & Boat Building	15.3	15.3	13.2	Hospitals	30.5	30.5	29.8
Furniture	28.8	28.9	27.6	Nursing & Resident Care	20.5	20.4	19.9
Nondurable Goods	64.1	63.3	66.9	Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	12.5	12.5	13.7
Food Products	28.4	27.8	28.0	Amusements, Gambling, Recreation	11.4	11.5	12.6
Animal Slaughtering	19.6	19.5	20.1	Gambling	5.7	5.7	6.4
Apparel	5.2	5.3	5.9	Accommodation & Food Services	112.9	111.4	110.9
Paper Products	5.7	5.6	6.4	Accommodation	37.8	37.6	38.1
Pulp, Paper, Paperboard	2.2	2.2	2.8	Food Services & Drinking	75.1	73.8	72.8
Converted Paper Products	3.5	3.4	3.6	Other Services (Private)	36.5	36.8	37.7
Chemicals	5.8	5.7	7.0	Repair & Maintenance	9.8	9.9	10.1
Plastics & Rubber	9.4	9.3	9.3	Government	245.6	247.9	243.9
Wholesale Trade	36.4	36.4	34.9	Federal	25.6	26.0	25.7
Retail Trade	138.8	138.3	137.6	State	60.5	63.3	62.6
Food & Beverage Stores	19.4	19.1	19.6	State Education	20.8	23.4	22.6
Grocery Stores	17.9	17.6	17.7	Local	159.5	158.6	155.6
General Merchandise	38.1	38.7	37.1	Local Education	86.7	86.7	84.0
Department Stores	10.5	10.8	10.5				
Other General Merchandise	27.6	27.9	26.6				

NOTE: All data expressed in thousands

Hours and Earnings for Selected Industries

	Avg Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	May 04	Apr 04	May 03	May 04	Apr 04	May 03	May 04	Apr 04	May 03
Manufacturing	\$507.36	\$517.00	\$491.65	39.3	39.8	38.5	\$12.91	\$12.99	\$12.77
Durable Goods	549.32	545.54	517.83	40.6	40.5	39.2	13.53	13.47	13.21
Wood Products	465.41	450.29	434.43	43.7	42.4	40.3	10.65	10.62	10.78
Fabricated Metals	549.04	550.25	507.27	40.4	40.4	37.0	13.59	13.62	13.71
Machinery	609.04	600.10	517.59	42.8	42.5	40.5	14.23	14.12	12.78
Furniture	454.86	477.85	430.11	38.0	39.2	35.4	11.97	12.19	12.15
Nondurable Goods	434.01	466.24	450.67	37.0	38.5	37.4	11.73	12.11	12.05
Food Products	399.96	380.70	353.50	39.6	38.3	36.9	10.10	9.94	9.58

Comments - Unadjusted Data

- ◆ Based on employer reports, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 1,200 from April and 7,500 from one year ago.
- ◆ Manufacturing showed an increase of 700 jobs over the month and 900 since May 2003.
- ◆ Accommodation & Food Services had the largest monthly employment increase with 1,500 more jobs than April.
- ◆ The largest monthly employment decrease occurred in Government with 2,300 less jobs than April.
- ◆ The civilian labor force grew with 13,600 more people than April. Unemployed individuals increased 14,400 while employed individuals decreased 800 over the month.
- ◆ The May unemployment rate increased one percentage point over the month.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - Base Year = 1982-84 = 100

Wage Earners & Clerical	May 04	Apr 04	May 03	Wage Earners & Clerical	May 04	Apr 04	May 03
All Items	184.7	183.5	179.4	Medical Care	308.4	307.7	294.6
Food & Beverages	186.0	184.5	178.7	Recreation / 1	106.6	106.7	105.5
Housing	184.1	183.6	180.0	Education & Communications / 1	109.2	109.6	108.0
Apparel	122.8	123.8	121.5	Other Goods & Services	311.5	311.3	306.0
Transportation	163.6	159.9	156.2	All Urban Consumers			
/ 1 Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base				All Items	189.1	188.0	183.5

Mississippi Labor Force

(Data based on Place of Residence - Expressed in Thousands)

	May 04	Apr 04	May 03		May 04	Apr 04	May 03
	Prelim.	Revised	Revised		Prelim.	Revised	Revised
	(Not Seasonally Adjusted)				(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Labor Force	1,320.2	1,306.6	1,318.7	Labor Force	1,316.7	1,311.7	1,315.2
Unemployed	74.1	59.7	89.8	Unemployed	73.0	66.2	88.6
Rate	5.6%	4.6%	6.8%	Rate	5.5%	5.0%	6.7%
Employed	1,246.1	1,246.9	1,228.9	Employed	1,243.7	1,245.5	1,226.6
U.S. Rate	5.3	5.4	5.8	U.S. Rate	5.6	5.6	6.1

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